

**CLAIMS**

What is claimed is:

1        1. A high temperature rigid fiber board formed by a process  
2 comprising the steps of:

3        providing a fibrous material, the fibrous material including  
4 alumina silica fiber, soluble fiber, mineral wool or a combination  
5 thereof;

6        performing fiberization;

7        forming a fibrous mat;

8        accumulating layers of built-up fibrous mat;

9        heating and pressing the fibrous mat to achieve a desired  
10 thickness thereof; and

11        drying the fibrous mat to form a fibrous high temperature  
12 pressed board product.

1        2. The fiber board formed by a process in accordance with  
2 claim 1, the process further comprising the step of: adding a filler  
3 material.

1        3. The fiber board formed by a process in accordance with  
2 claim 1, the process further comprising the step of: adding  
3 dry/granular binder.

1        4. The fiber board formed by a process in accordance with  
2 claim 2, the process further comprising the step of: adding  
3 dry/granular binder.

1        5. The fiber board formed by the process of claim 3, further  
2 comprising the step of adding the binder just after the fiberization  
3 step and before the formation of the fibrous mat.

1        6.    The fiberboard formed by the process of claim 3, further  
2 comprising the step of adding the binder at the fiberization step and  
3 before the formation of the fibrous mat.

1        7.    The fiberboard formed by the process of claim 3, further  
2 comprising the step of adding water to dissolve the binder.

1        8.    The fiberboard formed by the process of claim 7, wherein  
2 the water is applied just prior to the hot pressing step.

1        9.    The fiberboard formed by the process of claim 7, wherein  
2 the water is added in the form of encapsulated moisture in the same  
3 vicinity the binder is added.

1        10.   A fibrous board comprising a body of fibers adhered  
2 together.

1        11.   The fibrous board of claim 10, wherein the fiber is selected  
2 from the group consisting of alumina silica fiber, soluble fiber, mineral  
3 wool or any combination of thereof.

1        12.   The fibrous board of claim 10, comprising a body of  
2 refractory ceramic fiber and mineral wool adhered to the refractory  
3 ceramic fiber.

1        13.   The fibrous board of claim 11, wherein the ceramic fiber  
2 and mineral wool are adhered by at least one binder.

1        14.   The fibrous board of claim 13, wherein the at least one  
2 binder is an inorganic binder.

1        15.   The fibrous board of claim 14, wherein the inorganic  
2 binder is selected from the group consisting powder or granular

3 potassium silicate, sodium silicate or other silicate materials, or  
4 phosphate or phosphate based materials and combinations thereof.

1 16. The fibrous board of claim 15, further comprising at least  
2 one filler material selected from the group consisting of clays,  
3 cements, perlite or vermiculite and combinations thereof.

1 17. The fibrous board of claim 13, further comprising at least  
2 one filler material selected from the group consisting of clays,  
3 cements, perlite or vermiculite and combinations thereof.

1 18. The fibrous board of claim 15, wherein the fiber weight  
2 percent is about 70-98%, the weight percent of binder is 2-20%, and  
3 the weight percent of filler is 0-15%.

1 19. The fibrous board of claim 18, wherein the board is greater  
2 than 50% inorganic.

1 20. The fibrous board of claim 19, wherein the board is greater  
2 than 75% inorganic.

1 21. The fibrous board of claim 20, wherein the board is greater  
2 than 85% inorganic.

1 22. The fibrous board of claim 21, wherein the board is greater  
2 than 99% inorganic.

1 23. The fibrous board of claim 18, which exhibits no off  
2 gassing.

1 24. The fibrous board of claim 10, wherein the binder is added  
2 into the process as, or just after, the fiber is being produced or as the  
3 mat or fleece is being developed.

1        25. The fiberboard formed by the process of claim 8, wherein  
2 water spray is added to the top and bottom surfaces at a rate of 10-  
3 30% of fiber basis weight on each of the two surfaces.

1        26. The fiberboard formed by the process of claim 25, wherein  
2 the water further comprises wetting agents to improve water  
3 penetration into the fiber mat.

1        27. The fiberboard of claim 25, wherein the density and  
2 thickness is determined by being subjected to a hot press at a  
3 temperature sufficient to produce steam and for a period of time  
4 sufficient to dry or nearly dry the board. Typical temperatures are  
5 350°F-600°F.

1        28. A process comprising a fiber board incorporating fiber,  
2 binder(s), fillers, and using a process wherein the binders are added at  
3 or just after a point of fiberization and before formation of a fibrous  
4 mat from which the boards are produced in a continuous manner,  
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1        30. A process comprising a fiber board, free of fillers,  
2 incorporating fiber, binder(s) and using a process wherein the binders

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4 of a fibrous mat from which the boards are produced in a batch  
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1       32. A pressed ceramic fiber board comprising a ceramic  
2 fiber, an inorganic binder and a filler.

1       33. A pressed ceramic fiber board comprising about 70-98%  
2 weight percent of alumina silica fiber, soluble fiber, mineral wool or  
3 any combination of thereof, about 2-20% of powder or granular  
4 potassium silicate, sodium silicate or other silicate materials, or  
5 phosphate or phosphate based materials and combinations thereof,  
6 and about 0-15% of clay, cement, perlite, or vermiculite and  
7 combinations thereof.